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E and I dined with Janie McBaine. I arrived during the last of a cocktail party, in the course of which I had an interesting conversation with Jake Beam, on his conversations with the Chinese representative in Warsaw. The charming Wincklers, from the French Embassy, stayed on for dinner.

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For three days, the temperature has been over 80, although it has been comfortable in the house. Our garden is slowly being whipped into shape, but it will require another two weeks to terminate work there.

Formal talks began this morning. The President and PM were closeted alone for an hour or more, before they joined members of both parties who awaited them in the Cabinet rooms. The chief subject for general discussion was the Common Market. Macmillan plugged for a recognition of his difficulties in satisfying the Commonwealth, and for meeting the demands of the UK associates in EFTA. The President was firm in explaining American policy in both these particulars. George Ball buttressed his arguments. The President gave a large lunch distinguished, as usual, by excellent food and wines.

We reconvened this afternoon for more useful talk. Tonight, I went to a stag dinner at the British Embassy, given by the Prime Minister in honor of the President. There were about 30 guests, including the British representatives, namely, Macmillan, Gore, Sir Norman Brook, Sir Evelyn Shuckburgh, Philip de Zulueta, Harold Evans, and Ian Samuel. On the American side, were the President, Secretary of State, Under Secretary Ball, Bundy, Tyler, Burdett, Sweeney, and myself. Most of these were at dinner, together with Senators Fulbright, Dirksen, and others. At lunch, the President entertained various Senators and House Members, but only one newspaper man, Scotty Reston, next to whom I sat. I barely had time to change and pack before going with E to Andrews Air Base.

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